

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the subject application.

Applicants have amended claims 1-2, 6, 15-17, and 19-21 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention; claims 22-23 have been added to be directed to the canceled matter in claims 16-21. The claim amendments are supported in the specification as originally filed or self-explanatory. Particularly, support for claims 1 and 15 can be found at page 2, line 19 to page 3, line 8; support for claim 16 can be found at page 10, line 12; support for claims 22-23 can be found at page 3, line 15 to page 12, line 3. No new matter has been introduced.

Applicants request favorable reconsideration of the subject application in view of the amendments and remarks.

Claim Objections

The Examiner's Action objected to claims 1, 2, 16, 17, and 19-21 because of informalities.

In response, Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 16, 17, and 19-21 to correct the informalities. Claims 16, 17, and 19-21 have been amended and claims 22-23 have added to clarify the definition for "Z." Accordingly, the objections are overcome.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112

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The Examiner's Action rejected claims 1, 15, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite; the Action also rejected claims 2-14 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being dependent upon indefinite claims.

In response, Applicants have amended claims 1, 15, and 19 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the present invention. Claim 16 has been amended to correct a clerical error and provides antecedent basis for claim 19. Claim 1 and 15 have been amended to point out what chiral compounds are to be synthesized. Accordingly, the rejections are overcome.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner's Action indicate that claim 18 is allowable.

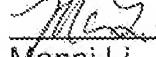
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants believe that all objections and rejections have been overcome and Claims 1-23, as amended, are in condition for allowance, early notice of which is requested.

Additional claim fee of \$50 and one month extension fee of \$60 are due for this response. A fee transmittal accompanies this response. Should any other fee be required, please charge the same to deposit account no. 50-2586 and notify Applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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